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**Car Care Council Women's Board  
Announces 2014 Scholarship Winners**

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C.** – The Car Care Council Women's Board is proud to announce the recipients of its 2014 scholarships for high school and secondary students in the automotive aftermarket. This year, the Women's Board gave a record \$24,000 in scholarships.

Recipients of scholarships include:

High School:

- \$3,000 – Samantha Cotel of Hyannis, Mass.; automotive restoration at McPherson College, McPherson, Kan.
- \$2,000 – Ashlee Strunk of Idyllwild, Calif.; automotive technology program at UTI, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
- \$2,000 – Whitley Bailey of Summit Hill, Pa.; automotive technology program at UTI

Post-Secondary:

- \$5,000 + AAPEX trip – Sara Mohon of Greenville, S.C.; doctorate program, mechanical engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.
- \$5,000 - Emily Lowdermilk of Palo Alto, Calif.; automotive and mechanical engineering at DeAnza College, Calif.
- \$4,000 – Ashley Frank of Nashville, Tenn.; automotive and heavy duty program at Lincoln College of Technology, Nashville, Tenn.
- \$3,000 – Sara Lohnes of Eaton, Ohio; automotive technology at Ivy Tech Community College, Ind.

“Our Scholarship and Education Committee was gratified by the quality of the applications we received from talented and deserving young women from across the country,” said Vonda A. Lee, Women's Board chair, scholarship and education, and director of sales, special markets and retail, Beck/Arnley. “We congratulate all of our scholarship recipients on their accomplishments thus far, and are pleased to help support their dedication to pursuing a career in the automotive industry.”

In addition to the Car Care Council Women's Board, GAAS collaborates with these state associations and other automotive groups:

- Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN)
- Association of Diesel Specialists (ADS)
- Automotive Aftermarket Association of the Carolinas and Tennessee (AAACT)
- Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast (AAAS)
- Automotive Parts and Service Association
- California/Nevada/Arizona Automotive Wholesalers' Association (CAWA)
- Kentucky/Indiana Automotive Wholesalers Association Michigan Automotive Parts Association (MAPA)
- Midwest Automotive Parts and Service Association (MAPSA)
- Mobile Air Conditioning Society (MACS)
- North American Council of Automotive Teachers (NACAT) Education Foundation
- New York State Automotive Aftermarket Association (NYSAAA)
- Wisconsin Automotive Part Association (WAPA)

The following foundations and organizations also collaborate with GAAS to award scholarships:

- Auto Care Association
- Automotive Communication Council
- Breslow Foundation
- Dayco
- Gates Corporation
- Larry McCurdy Memorial Fund
- Leadership Development Network
- Michael Busch Memorial Fund
- Mitchell 1
- Multi Parts Supply
- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)
- IHS, Driven by Polk
- Standard Motor Products
- Stant Corporation
- University of the Aftermarket Foundation

Additional scholarship funding comes from industry contributions provided by individuals, companies and foundations. Contributions can be made to the Scholarship Fund, c/o Susan Medick at the Auto Care Association at 301-654-6664 or [susan.medick@autocare.org](mailto:susan.medick@autocare.org).

### **About the Car Care Council Women's Board**

The Car Care Council Women's Board is comprised of auto care professionals dedicated to providing opportunities, education and career leadership to women in the auto care industry. For more information, visit <http://www.carcare.org/womens-board/> or e-mail [womensboard@carcare.org](mailto:womensboard@carcare.org).

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